

SUMMARY REPORT-

SUBJECT: COMPLAINT REGISTER INVESTIGATION NO.:
CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUSTAINED

291372

DATE OF REPORT (DAY-MO-YEAR)

01 October 2004

INSTRUCTIONS:

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ATTENTION [x] ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
[] ASSISTANT DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISIONFROM - INVESTIGATOR'S NAME
Dagny A. BLASKOVICHRANK
Inv.STAR NO.
279SOCIAL SEC. NO.
XXX-XX-XXXXEMPLOYEE NO.
[REDACTED]UNIT ASSIGN.
113

REFERENCE NOS. (LIST ALL RELATED C.R., C.B., I.R., INVENTORY NOS. ETC., PERTINENT TO THIS INVESTIGATION)

HJ-543374; HJ-542328; CB# 15543077

ADDRESS OF INCIDENT [REDACTED] E. 111 th Street – inside Area 2 Commander's office				DATE OF INCIDENT - TIME 05 August 03 – 2345 hrs		BEAT OF INCIDENT 531	LOCATION CODE* 04
NAME 1. Bridget McLAUGHLIN			RANK PA	STAR NO. 15886	SOCIAL SEC. NO. XXX-XX-XXXX	[REDACTED]	UNIT ASSIGN. 121
2 Milton OWENS (Detective, #20498, Unit 620 at time of incident)			Sgt	994	XXX-XX-XXXX	[REDACTED]	006
3 Walter GREEN			Cmdr	261	XXX-XX-XXXX	[REDACTED]	002
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IF APPLICABLE - DATE ARRESTED/INDICATED 1.		CHARGES			COURT BRANCH	DISPOSITION & DATE	
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NAME [REDACTED]		ADDRESS** [REDACTED]	CITY STATE Unit 620	TELEPHONE	SEX/RACE	D.O.B./AGE	PHYS. COND. CODE
C/A Lori LIGHTFOOT		OPS, Unit 113					
NAME [REDACTED]		ADDRESS** [REDACTED]	CITY STATE	TELEPHONE	SEX/RACE	D.O.B./AGE	PHYS. COND. CODE
NAME [REDACTED]		ADDRESS** [REDACTED]	CITY STATE	TELEPHONE	SEX/RACE	D.O.B./AGE	PHYS. COND. CODE

[x] SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL ACCUSED, COMPLAINANTS, VICTIMS, WITNESSES.

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ADDITIONAL ACCUSED:

4. Dennis WALSH	Sgt ██████████ 58	1120 11 Aug 86	xxx-xx-xxxx On Duty	██████████ Sworn	620 01
5. Kevin GLOVER	Sgt ██████████ 59	1587 09 Sep 85	xxx-xx-xxxx On Duty	██████████ Sworn	620 01

ADDITIONAL COMPLAINANTS:

3. Ronald MARTIN Sergeant, #1193, Unit 121G

ALLEGATIONS:

On Wednesday, 06 August 2003, at 0037 hours, Sergeant Kevin Glover, #1587, Unit 620, telephoned the Office of Professional Standards via Pax and registered a complaint on behalf of the complainant, Detective Milton Owens, #20498, Unit 620¹, with Intake Aide Lisa Tousant, [REDACTED] Unit 113. It is alleged that on 05 August 2003, at approximately 2345 hours, at Area 2 Detective Division, located at [REDACTED] E. 111th Street, while off-duty, **Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121:**

- (1) ... pushed then Detective Owens several times with her hands;
- (2) obstructed a homicide investigation by attempting to physically remove her son, [REDACTED] without permission; and,
- (3) was arrested for Battery to a Police Officer and Obstruction of Justice.

On Wednesday, 06 August 2003, at 0945 hours, Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121, telephoned the Office of Professional Standards via bell and registered a complaint with Investigator Patrick Querfurth, #246, Unit 113. It is alleged that on 05 August 2003, at approximately 2345 hours, while at Area 2 Detective Division, located at [REDACTED] E. 111th Street, **Detective Milton Owens, #20498, Unit 620, Commander Walter Green, #261, Unit 002, Sergeant Dennis Walsh, #1120, Unit 620, and Sergeant Kevin Glover, #1587, Unit 620:**

- (1) allowed Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121, and her son, [REDACTED] to be unlawfully detained.

¹ Detective Owens was promoted to Sergeant during the investigation. Sergeant Owens, #994, was subsequently assigned to the 006th District Station.

EVIDENCE/ATTACHMENTS:

1. Complaint Against Department Member - CR# 291372
- 1A. Complaint Against Department Member - Additional Information CR# 291372
- 1B. Conflict Certification
2. Report by Sergeant Kevin Glover, #1587, Unit 620, re: CR# 291372
3. Report by Acting Assistant Deputy Superintendent James Jackson re: Arrest of a Chicago Police Officer
4. Report by Internal Affairs Division ("IAD") Sergeant Ronald Martin, #1193, Unit 121, re: IAD Synoptic Report
5. Notification of Duty Restrictions for Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121
6. Notification of Charges/Allegations for Agent McLaughlin
7. Criminal Rights for Agent McLaughlin
8. Waiver of Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Agent McLaughlin
9. Equipment Transaction Receipt
10. Copy of Agent McLaughlin's Department Identification and Star
11. Copy of Agent McLaughlin's Illinois Driver's License
12. Request for Issuance of Temporary Identification Card
13. General Offense Case Report for Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer [REDACTED]
14. General Offense Case Report for First Degree Murder/Homicide [REDACTED]
15. Arrest Report for Agent McLaughlin
- 16-C. Booking Photograph of Agent McLaughlin
17. Cash Bail Bond for the Circuit Court of Cook County
18. Misdemeanor Complaint against Agent McLaughlin (Battery)
19. Misdemeanor Complaint against Agent McLaughlin (Obstructing a Peace Officer)
20. Grand Jury Subpoena for Agent McLaughlin (06 August 2003)
21. Grand Jury Subpoena for Agent McLaughlin (07 August 2003)
22. Tactical Response Report for Detective Milton Owens, #20498, Unit 620
23. Officer's Battery Report for Detective Owens
24. Team Transfer of Investigation
25. Request for Time Extension
26. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Commander James Jackson, #380, Unit 011
27. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
28. Attendance and Assignment Records
29. Waiver of Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Commander Jackson
30. Statement of Commander Jackson
31. Notification re: CR Investigation (Lieutenant Janice Roche, #335, Unit 021)
32. Notification re: CR Investigation (Sergeant Kevin Glover)
33. Notification re: CR Investigation (Commander Walter Green, #261, Unit 002)
34. Notification re: CR Investigation (Sergeant Dennis Walsh, #1120, Unit 620)
35. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Accused Sergeant Glover
36. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
37. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Accused Commander Green

EVIDENCE/ATTACHMENTS (continued):

38. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
39. Notification re: CR Investigation (removal of Lieutenant Roche as accused)
40. Notification of Charges/Allegations for Sergeant Glover
41. Administrative Proceedings Rights for Sergeant Glover
42. Statement of Sergeant Glover
43. Notification of Charges/Allegations for Commander Green
44. Administrative Proceedings Rights fro Commander Green
45. Waiver of Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Commander Green
46. Request for Time Extension
47. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Witness Lieutenant Roche
48. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
49. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Accused Sergeant Walsh
50. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
51. Notification of Charges/Allegations for Commander Green
52. Administrative Proceedings Rights for Commander Green
53. Waiver for Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Commander Green
54. Statement of Commander Green
55. Notification of Charges/Allegations for Sergeant Walsh
56. Administrative Proceedings Rights for Sergeant Walsh
57. Statement of Sergeant Walsh
58. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Lieutenant Roche
59. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
60. Waiver of Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Lieutenant Roche
61. Statement of Lieutenant Roche
62. Request for Time Extension
63. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Accused Detective Milton Owens
64. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
65. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Detective Owens
66. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
67. Request for Time Extension
68. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Detective Owens
69. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
70. Request for Time Extension
71. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Detective Owens
72. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
73. Request for Time Extension
74. Notification of Charges/Allegations for Detective Owens
75. Administrative Proceedings Rights for Detective Owens
76. Waiver of Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Detective Owens
77. Notification of Charges/Allegations for Detective Owens
78. Administrative Proceedings Rights for Detective Owens

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79. Waiver of Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Detective Owens
80. Notification of Charges/Allegations for Detective Owens
81. Administrative Proceedings Rights for Detective Owens
82. Waiver of Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Detective Owens
83. Notification of Charges/Allegations for Detective Owens
84. Administrative Proceedings Rights for Detective Owens
85. Waiver of Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Detective Owens
86. Notification of Charges/Allegations for Detective Owens
87. Administrative Proceedings Rights for Detective Owens
88. Statement of Detective Owens
89. Request for Time Extension
90. Agent McLaughlin's court case information/status
91. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Agent McLaughlin
92. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
93. Administrative Proceedings Rights / Notification of Charges/Allegations for Agent McLaughlin
94. Waiver of Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Agent McLaughlin
95. Report by Agent McLaughlin re: Scheduled statement for CR# 291372
96. Notice to Appear in Court for Agent McLaughlin
97. Motion to Reinstate Charge against Agent McLaughlin
98. Report by Chief Administrator Lori E. Lightfoot re: Restoration of Police Powers for Agent McLaughlin
99. Release of Duty Restrictions for Agent McLaughlin
100. Equipment Transaction Receipt for Agent McLaughlin
101. Report by OPS Investigator Dagny A. Blaskovich, #279, OPS, re: Additional Information re: McLaughlin case
102. Request for Time Extension
103. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Agent McLaughlin
104. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
105. Administrative Proceedings Rights / Notification of Charges/Allegations for Agent McLaughlin
106. Waiver of Counsel/Request to Secure Counsel for Agent McLaughlin
107. Request for Interview/Statement/Report for Agent McLaughlin
108. Date for Taking a Formal Statement
109. Administrative Proceedings Rights / Notification of Charges/Allegations for Agent McLaughlin
110. Statement of Agent McLaughlin
111. Agent McLaughlin's court case information/status
112. Request for Time Extension
- 112A. Request for Time Extension
113. Investigator's Case Log

INVESTIGATION:

In his **Initiation Report** dated 06 August 2003, Sergeant Kevin Glover, #1587, Unit 620, related Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin was arrested for Battery to a Police Officer and Obstruction of Justice when she tried to take her son by force during the course of a homicide investigation [REDACTED] by Area Two Detective Division personnel. Agent McLaughlin pushed Detective Milton Owens several times in an attempt to remove her son after she was informed by Commander Green that her son needed to remain in the Area. Agent McLaughlin became very combative and had to be taken into custody. (Att. 2).

Department reports indicate that Agent McLaughlin was released (sic) of her police powers due to her arrest on 06 August 2003 by Internal Affairs Sergeant Ronald Martin. The investigation conducted by Sergeant Martin revealed that Agent McLaughlin attempted to forcibly remove her son, [REDACTED] from the interview room without permission while Detective Owens was conducting an interview. When Commander Green explained that [REDACTED] could not leave yet, Agent McLaughlin pushed Detective Owens several times with her hands as he was standing between her and her son. Detective Owens was not injured. Agent McLaughlin then became combative with Area Two personnel and was taken into custody and forcibly detained in an interview room to await the arrival of the Acting Assistant Deputy Superintendent. (Att. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12).

The **Arrest report** for Agent McLaughlin indicates she did not resist when she was arrested and was charged with Obstruction of a Peace Officer and Battery after shoving the investigating detective with her hands. (Att. 15).

The **General Offense Case Report for Aggravated Battery of a Police Officer** [REDACTED] indicates Detective Owens was assigned the follow-up investigation of the murder of a department member. Agent McLaughlin's son was being questioned in front of her by Detective Owens, concerning [REDACTED] knowledge of the homicide. During the investigation, Agent McLaughlin became unruly and began to yell and shout at Detective Owens in an effort to impede the progression of the investigation. Agent McLaughlin was asked to lower her voice; however, she became belligerent and uncooperative, physically attacking Detective Owens by shoving him in the presence of Department supervisors. (Att. 13).

The **Tactical Response Report** completed by Detective Owens and Lieutenant Janice Roche indicated Detective Owens only utilized verbal commands and escort holds in response to Agent McLaughlin's actions of pulling away, struggling and attacking without a weapon. (Att. 22). Lieutenant Roche interviewed Agent McLaughlin, who related there was a "conflict" between her being treated as a private citizen and a police officer. Agent McLaughlin related she believed the investigating detectives wanted to interview her son alone and that she was ordered to leave the building without her son, despite the fact that her son was not under arrest. Agent McLaughlin admitted to becoming very emotional and loud and insisted on leaving with her son. Agent McLaughlin alleged she was then given a direct order to stay at the Area. At one point the

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conversation moved to just outside the commanding officer's office with her son inside ~~the~~ office while she was in the hallway with Detective Owens standing in the doorway. Agent McLaughlin related she told Detective Owens that she was leaving with her son and then reached under ~~his~~ arm, grabbing her son by the wrist in an attempt to leave with him. Detective Owens then said, "Don't touch me. Don't put your hand on me. You pushed me." Agent McLaughlin related she ~~was~~ then placed into custody.

Detective Owens related to Lieutenant Roche that he had been in an interview room with Agent McLaughlin and her son, who was being questioned about his information regarding the shooting death of an off-duty police sergeant. During the course of the investigation, it was revealed that Stephen McLaughlin had given deceptive statements as to his knowledge of the crime, ~~as well as~~ admitting to having thoughts of harming his mother and himself with his mother's weapon. Agent McLaughlin then became very angry and wanted to strike her son. Detective Owens instructed Agent McLaughlin not to strike her son, but to leave the room with him, which she did. After speaking with her son, Agent McLaughlin started yelling that she was taking her son home. When Detective Owens requested she lower her voice, Agent McLaughlin pushed Detective Owens with an open hand. Detective Owens related he cautioned her that any further physical contact on her part would result in her being placed under arrest. Agent McLaughlin screamed again that she was leaving. Detective Owens informed Agent McLaughlin that his sergeant would have to be notified first; Sergeant Walsh informed her that the commander would need to be consulted. All parties relocated to the Commander's office, where after some discussion, Agent McLaughlin pushed Detective Owens out of the doorway from behind and stated that she wanted to get her son ~~and~~ leave. Detective Owens then attempted to escort Agent McLaughlin to an interview room, but she refused to go. Detective Owens grabbed her arms when she struggled and escorted her into a room. Once in the room, Agent McLaughlin began to holler and bang on the door. After being warned, she was handcuffed to the wall.

Lieutenant Roche concluded that the member's actions were in compliance with Department procedures and directives. (Att. 22).

Detective Owens completed an **Officer's Battery Report**, indicating he was hit with hands and fists but sustained no apparent injury as a result. Detective Owens further indicated he was shoved in the back when Agent McLaughlin attempted to remove her son from the Area. When Detective Owens told her not to push him, Agent McLaughlin shoved him again. (Att. 23).

Booking photographs of Agent McLaughlin show no obvious sign of pain or distress. (Att. 16-C).

Cook County Court records indicate that the charges against Agent McLaughlin were stricken from the docket with leave to reinstate on 30 June 2004. (Att. 90, 111).

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In a statement with OPS on 25 September 2003, **Acting Assistant Deputy Superintendent Commander James Jackson** related on 06 August 2003, he responded to Area 2 Detective Division upon being notified of an officer's arrest. (Att. 30). Upon his arrival, Commander Jackson was notified that Agent McLaughlin had shoved Detective Owens. Commander Jackson spoke to Detective Owens who informed him that during the interviewing of Agent McLaughlin's son, she became upset with the conduct of the investigation and invoked her rights to not have her son interviewed by the police. Agent McLaughlin then became combative and shoved Detective Owens. When Detective Owens instructed her not to do it again, she shoved him in a provoking manner, resulting in her arrest by Detective Owens.

Agent McLaughlin informed Commander Jackson that she was upset with the direction of the questions being asked of her son by Detective Owens and so she had invoked her rights that she did not want her child being questioned further and that she wanted to leave. Agent McLaughlin related she reached past Detective Owens to grab her child from the interview room. Agent McLaughlin did not admit to having any physical contact with Detective Owens to Commander Jackson. Agent McLaughlin further failed to report to Commander Jackson that anyone had given her direct orders during the incident, whether they be to stay or to leave the Area. (Att. 30).

In a statement with OPS on 23 October 2003, **witness Lieutenant Janice Roche**, who was not a witness to the incident, related in essence the same account as she provided in the Tactical Response Report (Att. 22), which she completed. (Att. 61).

In a statement with OPS on 08 October 2003, **accused Commander Walter Green** related on 06 August 2003, he was in his office in the Area 2 Detective Division when he heard a loud female voice shouting profanities. (Att. 54). Sergeant Walsh and Detective Owens, along with Agent McLaughlin, entered Commander Green's office where Agent McLaughlin continued to shout that she wanted to leave the Area and that she was being denied that ability. Commander Green asked Sergeant Walsh what was happening and was informed that during the interview of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Agent McLaughlin became enraged when it was mentioned that [REDACTED] might be involved in the homicide of Sergeant Skroch, as well as planning to kill her. Commander Green requested Agent McLaughlin calm down, sit down and explain what the problem was; however, she refused and asked if he was giving a direct order for her to stay in the office. Commander Green advised Agent McLaughlin that he was not giving her such an order. Agent McLaughlin then asked if she was free to leave, and Commander Green answered in the affirmative.

Agent McLaughlin then grabbed her son, who had been sitting down, and started to leave, at which time Sergeant Walsh and Detective Owens both said, "Wait a minute." Commander Green questioned Sergeant Walsh and Detective Owens regarding the status of the investigation and the arrest status of [REDACTED]. Commander Green requested Sergeant Walsh enter the inner office, which he did. Shortly thereafter, the sound of chairs moving in the outer part of the

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office could be heard and Detective Owens was heard telling Agent McLaughlin to stop pushing him and putting her hands on him. Upon exiting the inner office, Commander Green observed Agent McLaughlin pushing Detective Owens out of the doorway, yelling and screaming at him, while pulling on her son's arm. Upon Commander Green's instruction to stop, Agent McLaughlin calmed slightly; however, when Commander Green and Sergeant Walsh returned to the inner office, Agent McLaughlin was again heard yelling. Commander Green and Sergeant Walsh returned to the outer office and observed Agent McLaughlin pushing Detective Owens. Commander Green then gave the order to have Agent McLaughlin arrested. Agent McLaughlin was taken to an interview room, while her son, [REDACTED] was taken downstairs to his grandfather, who was waiting for them. Commander Green did not see Agent McLaughlin again that night. Commander Green denied detaining Agent McLaughlin and [REDACTED] unlawfully, explaining that at no time did he give or observe a direct order given to Agent McLaughlin. Furthermore, he explained she was free to leave, as soon as the status of her son was ascertained. (Att. 54).

In a statement with OPS on 15 October 2003, accused Sergeant Dennis Walsh related on 05 August 2003, he was in his office in the Area 2 Detective Division when Detective Owens stepped in and asked him to come and speak to Agent McLaughlin. (Att. 57). As Sergeant Walsh approached her, Agent McLaughlin was standing in the hallway and appeared upset. Sergeant Walsh explained he had heard her yelling prior to his exiting his office. Sergeant Walsh asked Agent McLaughlin what the problem was, and she began yelling that the interview was over and she did not want her son to be asked anything further. Agent McLaughlin then related she wanted to leave with her son. Sergeant Walsh requested Agent McLaughlin stay because her son was part of an on-going homicide investigation, which was not yet concluded. Agent McLaughlin continued to scream, stating that she wanted to leave and that they could not keep her there. Sergeant Walsh asked Agent McLaughlin to wait long enough so that he could speak to Detective Owens and Commander Green.

Sergeant Walsh and Detective Owens, along with Agent McLaughlin and her son, relocated to the Commander's office, all the while Agent McLaughlin was yelling and shouting, asking if Sergeant Walsh was giving her a "lawful" order. Sergeant Walsh entered Commander Green's inner office and shortly thereafter heard a "commotion," screaming and furniture moving, coming from the outer office. Sergeant Walsh moved back towards the outer office and observed Detective Owens standing in the doorway to the outer office and the hallway, with Agent McLaughlin standing in the hallway while her son was inside the office. Sergeant Walsh then observed Agent McLaughlin shove Detective Owens. Commander Green then told Detective Owens to place Agent McLaughlin under arrest. Sergeant Walsh denied giving Agent McLaughlin any direct orders or hearing anyone give her any orders. Sergeant Walsh denied the allegation against him. (Att. 57).

In a statement with OPS on 03 October 2003, accused Sergeant Kevin Glover related he was in the Commander's office with Commander Green when Sergeant Walsh, Detective Owens and Agent McLaughlin entered. (Att. 42). Sergeant Glover related someone informed

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Commander Green that Agent McLaughlin wanted to leave the Area with her son, and Commander Green related she could leave. Sergeant Glover observed Detective Owens standing between Agent McLaughlin and her son in the outer office when she moved towards Detective Owens and he heard Detective Owens state, "Don't put your hands on me." Agent McLaughlin then reached around Detective Owens a second time and made physical contact with Detective Owens in the manner of her putting her hand on him, near his shoulder. Sergeant Glover then left the room and did not see anything further. Sergeant Glover denied detaining Agent McLaughlin on 05/06 August 2003, and further denied having any part in the incident except when he was instructed by Commander Green to initiate a Complaint Register Number. (Att. 42).

In a statement with OPS on 19 February 2004, accused Sergeant Milton Owens related on 05 August 2003, he was assigned to investigate the shooting of off-duty Chicago Police Sergeant Francis Skroch. (Att. 88). During the investigation, Agent McLaughlin's son, [REDACTED] was mentioned in connection with the death of Sergeant Skroch, as well as in a plan to kill Agent McLaughlin. During the questioning of [REDACTED] Agent McLaughlin became emotionally distraught when she found out that her son was planning on killing her. Detective Owens then suggested a break and walked Agent McLaughlin and her son to a rear office, allowing her to speak to her son in private. A short time later, Detective Owens was able to hear Agent McLaughlin raising her voice through the closed door. When Agent McLaughlin exited the room, she was speaking on her cell phone and then started screaming at Detective Owens, asking if [REDACTED] was under arrest. Detective Owens asked Agent McLaughlin what was wrong and instructed her to calm down. Agent McLaughlin continued to scream and then she disconnected with whomever she had been conversing with on the phone. Agent McLaughlin continued to ask if her son was under arrest, and Detective Owens continued to tell her that her son was not.

Detective Owens and Agent McLaughlin, along with her son, walked towards the homicide office, where Agent McLaughlin engaged in a brief conversation with Sergeant Walsh, who asked her to go into the Commander's office so that they could confer with him. Once in the Commander's office, Agent McLaughlin continued to scream, asking if her son was under arrest. Commander Green requested he be allowed to confer with Sergeant Walsh to find out what was going on. Agent McLaughlin and her son then stepped out of the Commander's office into the Commander's secretary's office. Detective Owens related he approached [REDACTED] who was seated and crying, in an attempt to comfort him. Detective Owens then turned to speak to Agent McLaughlin, who was still screaming, and then he turned back towards [REDACTED] to tell him everything was going to be okay. When Detective Owens turned back towards [REDACTED] Agent McLaughlin pushed Detective Owens in the back, near the upper shoulder area. Detective Owens then turned to face Agent McLaughlin and asked her why she had pushed him. Detective Owens also told Agent McLaughlin not to touch him again. Agent McLaughlin, in response, then struck Detective Owens in the chest. Detective Owens told Agent McLaughlin she was under arrest and asked her if she had a weapon on her. When Detective Owens told Agent McLaughlin they were going to be going to an interview room, she resisted and started to flail her

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arms. Once in the interview room with the door closed, Agent McLaughlin continued to scream and bang on the door. Detective Owens re-entered the room and handcuffed Agent McLaughlin to the wall. Detective Owens denied speaking to [REDACTED] again and had no further contact with Agent McLaughlin that night. Detective Owens denied the allegation against him. (Att. 88).

In a statement with OPS on 21 July 2004, accused Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin related on 05 August 2003, she went to Area 2 because the detectives wanted to speak to her son, [REDACTED] concerning the shooting death of Sergeant Skroch. (Att. 110). During the questioning, Agent McLaughlin admitted to becoming upset because it appeared the detective was attempting to implicate her son in the conspiracy of murder. Detective Owens requested they all "take a break" during the interviewing, and Agent McLaughlin was directed to a back room in order to speak to her son in private.

After speaking to [REDACTED], Agent McLaughlin telephoned her father and requested he come and pick them up. As they left the room, Detective Owens was standing at the end of the hallway and attempted to convince Agent McLaughlin to continue with the questioning. Detective Owens stuck his finger in Agent McLaughlin's face and told her that either she lower her voice or he would arrest her. Agent McLaughlin, however, denied speaking even in a loud voice at this time. Agent McLaughlin continued to insist that no more questions would be asked of her son. Agent McLaughlin also asked if [REDACTED] was under arrest and was informed that he was not. When Agent McLaughlin stated that they were then free to leave, Detective Owens insisted they stay and he summoned Sergeant Walsh, who after Agent McLaughlin told him they wanted to leave, issued a direct order for her to stay. Agent McLaughlin, in response, told Sergeant Walsh that his issuance of the direct order was unlawful and in violation of her civil rights.

Sergeant Walsh and Detective Owens, along with Agent McLaughlin and her son, then went into Commander Green's office. [REDACTED] remained in the anteroom, while Agent McLaughlin spoke to Commander Green, who told her that it was very important to continue the questioning of [REDACTED]. Agent McLaughlin told Commander Green that they would be happy to return the next morning to continue the questioning, but that she wished to leave with her son. After some discussion, Commander Green made a gesture that Agent McLaughlin took to mean, "go ahead" and leave; however, Commander Green did not verbally tell her she was free to leave. Agent McLaughlin then left the Commander's inner office and started to leave with [REDACTED] while Detective Owens shouted at Commander Green. Agent McLaughlin, however, was unable to leave the office as Sergeant Walsh and two other detectives blocked the exit. Sergeant Walsh then gave Agent McLaughlin another direct order to leave the Area without her son. Agent McLaughlin, admittedly, became agitated and somehow walked out of the room. When she turned back around to look for [REDACTED], Agent McLaughlin saw that Detective Owens had inserted himself between her and [REDACTED].

Detective Owens had his arms outreached in the doorway when Agent McLaughlin attempted to reach for [REDACTED] under Sergeant Owens' right arm. Detective Owens shifted to the right, and Agent McLaughlin then reached under Sergeant Owens' left arm and grabbed hold of

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[REDACTED] Agent McLaughlin denied making any physical contact with Detective Owens. During this whole time, however, Sergeant Owens was stating, "Don't touch me." After Agent McLaughlin grabbed hold of [REDACTED] Sergeant Walsh stated, "That's it. Lock her up." Detective Owens turned around and told Agent McLaughlin that she was under arrest and brought her back into the anteroom. Agent McLaughlin was asked if she had a weapon on her.

Agent McLaughlin began to cry hysterically, invoking [REDACTED] right to remain silent and requesting to speak to an attorney as she was escorted to an interview room in handcuffs. Once in the interview room, Agent McLaughlin related she was immediately handcuffed to a wall. Agent McLaughlin, however, denied struggling at any time with Detective Owens. Agent McLaughlin further related she later learned from her son that he was again questioned briefly by Detective Owens after she was taken into custody. Agent McLaughlin denied the allegations against her and further denied even making any unintentional physical contact with Detective Owens during this incident. Agent McLaughlin explained that her criminal case was dropped when Detective Owens failed to show for court on several occasions. (Att. 110).

CONCLUSION:

The Reporting Investigator recommends **Allegation #1** against **Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121**, that she pushed then Detective Milton Owens several times with her hands, be **Sustained**. While the accounts provided by all involved differ in certain instances, the constant is that each allege Agent McLaughlin pushed and/or shoved Detective Owens in some manner more than once. Agent McLaughlin's actions were unnecessary and out of line. While she was distraught over the questioning and implication of her son being involved in a plot to kill the recently deceased Sergeant Skroch and herself, Agent McLaughlin's actions were unwarranted. Based on the lack of evidence to support Agent McLaughlin's account, this allegation is clearly sustained.

The Reporting Investigator recommends **Allegation #2** against **Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121**, that she obstructed a homicide investigation by attempting to physically remove her son, [REDACTED] without permission, be **Unfounded**. Agent McLaughlin on several occasions attempted to remove her son from the Area because she wanted the questioning terminated if her son, [REDACTED] was not under arrest. Agent McLaughlin was allowed to leave the Area if her son was not under arrest, which he was not. While she was arrested for Obstruction based mainly on her behavior that resulted after she was asked to wait while the status of the investigation was determined, she was still free to leave and by her attempting to do so, she was not obstructing. Therefore, this allegation should be unfounded.

The Reporting Investigator recommends **Allegation #3** against **Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121**, that she was arrested for Battery to a Police Officer and Obstruction of Justice, be **Sustained**. The evidence clearly shows in the form of arrest and case reports, as well as court documents, that Agent McLaughlin was arrested and charged with Battery to a Police officer and Obstruction of Justice. While the charges were dismissed based on Detective Owens failure to appear in court, this allegation is still clearly sustained.

The Reporting Investigator further recommends **Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121**, be cited for a **Violation of Rule 2** in that on 05 August 2003, at approximately 2345 hours, while at Area 2 Detective Division, her overall conduct brought discredit upon the Department and resulted in her arrest. Agent McLaughlin was unruly, belligerent and out of control on 05/06 August 2003, which ultimately resulted in her arrest.

The Reporting Investigator finally recommends **Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121**, be cited for a **Violation of Rule 14**, in that during her statement with the Office of Professional Standards on 21 July 2004, she provided a false statement when she denied have any physical contact with then Detective Milton Owens. Furthermore, Agent McLaughlin's account is completely different from the accounts provided by the others involved and present. Agent McLaughlin places Sergeant Walsh outside the inner office while she's speaking to Commander Green. She further stated that when she attempts to leave the Commander's office, she is given the direct order to leave the Area without her son; however, based on all accounts, including

CONCLUSION (continued):

Commander Green's, Sergeant Walsh is in the inner office with them during this entire incident. Agent McLaughlin's account of the incident is overly dramatic at times and clearly false. In addition, Agent McLaughlin denies struggling with Detective Owens after she is informed she is going to be arrested. This idea is preposterous considering Agent McLaughlin's overall actions and conduct during this incident.

The Reporting Investigator recommends **Allegation #1 against Detective Milton Owens, #20498, Unit 620**, that he allowed Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121, and her son, [REDACTED] to be unlawfully detained, be **Unfounded**. There is no evidence to support this allegation. Agent McLaughlin was asked to remain at the Area only until all of the parties were made fully aware of the facts of the case and investigation. Neither she nor her son were unlawfully detained, despite Agent McLaughlin's allegation. Agent McLaughlin provides a false account of the incident; therefore, her allegation lacks credibility and this allegation should be unfounded.

The Reporting Investigator recommends **Allegation #1 against Commander Walter Green, #261, Unit 002**, that he allowed Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121, and her son, [REDACTED] to be unlawfully detained, be **Unfounded**. There is no evidence to support this allegation. Agent McLaughlin was asked to remain at the Area only until all of the parties were made fully aware of the facts of the case and investigation. Neither she nor her son were unlawfully detained, despite Agent McLaughlin's allegation. Agent McLaughlin provides a false account of the incident; therefore, her allegation lacks credibility and this allegation should be unfounded.

The Reporting Investigator recommends **Allegation #1 against Sergeant Dennis Walsh, #1120, Unit 620**, that he allowed Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121, and her son, [REDACTED], to be unlawfully detained, be **Unfounded**. There is no evidence to support this allegation. Agent McLaughlin was asked to remain at the Area only until all of the parties were made fully aware of the facts of the case and investigation. Neither she nor her son were unlawfully detained, despite Agent McLaughlin's allegation. Agent McLaughlin provides a false account of the incident; therefore, her allegation lacks credibility and this allegation should be unfounded.

The Reporting Investigator recommends **Allegation #1 against Sergeant Kevin Glover, #1587, Unit 620**, that he allowed Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121, and her son, [REDACTED] to be unlawfully detained, be **Unfounded**. There is no evidence to support this allegation. Agent McLaughlin was asked to remain at the Area only until all of the parties were made fully aware of the facts of the case and investigation. Neither she nor her son were unlawfully detained, despite Agent McLaughlin's allegation. Agent McLaughlin provides a false account of the incident; therefore, her allegation lacks credibility and this allegation should be unfounded.

FINDINGS:**Accused #1****Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121****Allegation #1**

Sustained – Violation of Rule 8, “Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty,” in that on 05 August 2003, at approximately 2345 hours, at Area 2 Detective Division, 727 East 111th Street, while off-duty, the accused, Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121, pushed Detective Milton Owens several times.

Allegation #2**Unfounded****Allegation #3**

Sustained – Violation of Rule 2, “Any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,” in that on 05 August 2003, at approximately 2345 hours, at Area 2 Detective Division, 727 East 111th Street, while off-duty, the accused, Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121, was arrested for Battery to a Police Officer and Obstruction of Justice.

Other Violations:

Sustained – Violation of Rule 2, “Any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,” in that on 05 August 2003, at approximately 2345 hours, at Area 2 Detective Division, 727 East 111th Street, while off-duty, the accused, Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121, by her overall actions brought discredit upon the Department.

Sustained – Violation of Rule 14, “Making a false report, written or oral,” in that on 21 July 2004, at approximately 1550 hours, at the Office of Professional Standards, 10 West 35th Street, 12th Floor, in a statement with OPS Investigator Dagny Blaskovich, the accused, Police Agent Bridget McLaughlin, #15886, Unit 121, provided a false statement when she denied having any physical contact with Detective Milton Owens.

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FINDINGS (continued):

Accused #2 **002 Detective Milton Owens, #20498, Unit 620**

Allegation #1 **Unfounded**

FINDINGS (continued):

Accused #3 **Commander Walter Green, #261, Unit**

Allegation #1 **Unfounded**

FINDINGS (continued):

Accused #4 **Sergeant Dennis Walsh, #1120, Unit 620**

Allegation #1 **Unfounded**

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FINDINGS (continued):

Allegation #1 **Unfounded**

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